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In re Application of	:	
Balassanin et al.	:	
Application No. 09/688,581	:	ON PETITION
Filed: October 16, 2000	:	
Attorney Docket No. 3802-4032	:	

This is a decision on the renewed petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 9, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

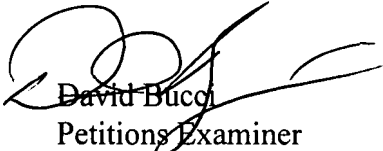
The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action of October 21, 2005. The proposed reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2), an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance, a Request for Continued Examination and submission (37 CFR 1.114), or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(A)(2). Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is January 22, 2006.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b); (2) the petition fee of \$750.00, submitted November 13, 2006; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay, submitted November 13, 2006.

This application is being revived solely for purposes of continuity. As continuity has been established by this decision, the application is again abandoned in favor of continuing application No. 11/599,785.

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